

MORO BAY STATE PARK

One of the most popular fishing and water sport areas in south central Arkansas is formed where Moro Bay and Raymond Lake join the Ouachita River. Exploring Moro Bay State Park reveals a deeper understanding of the ever-changing Ouachita River, where waterways meet, people gather, and nature thrives. This is a place with unique history and diverse wildlife. Here, you can relax, recharge, re-connect with friends and family, and make State Park memories to last a lifetime.

As the only Arkansas State Park on the lower Ouachita River, this park's location is ideal as a base for traveling to the vast public recreation areas of the fertile Gulf Coastal Plain of southern Arkansas. Just 22 miles southwest of the park, you will find El Dorado, the Oil Capital of Arkansas. Nearby, in Smackover, are the excellent exhibits of the Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources, telling the story of the Arkansas oil boom. Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge is 18 miles southeast of Moro Bay on the Ouachita River.

Whether fishing from bank or boat, the abundant bass, bream, crappie, and catfish found here provide anglers with hours of excitement. Hunters enjoy using the modern conveniences of the park as a camping or cabin base while hunting on permitted areas nearby for bountiful white-tailed deer, wild turkey, squirrels, rabbits, and waterfowl.

No hunting is allowed in the State Park, and firearms must be cased.

The southern forest habitat, combined with the area's rivers and lakes, attracts birds year round. Birders, share your sightings with park staff and add to our wild bird inventory. Whether you bird on the park's nature trails, or paddle a kayak quietly on the river, look for a diversity of waterfowl, shorebirds, songbirds, raptors, and more.

The Moro Bay Ferry site was once the thriving town of Moro Bay, an important shipping point. The Ouachita River banks were lined with warehouses and filled with cotton and other crops waiting for the next steamboat to Monroe or New Orleans. Various private ferries operated intermittently in this vicinity from 1828 to 1947. Following, from 1948-1965, Bradley County and Union County were isolated by the barrier effect of the Ouachita River, in the absence of all crossing transportation. Ferry operation resumed on April 28, 1965, as a free ferry operated by the Arkansas Highway and

Transportation Department. That ferry ceased operation again in 1992 when two new bridges were completed over the Ouachita River and Raymond Lake. The ferry is now a major interpretive exhibit in Moro Bay State Park.



FACILITIES

The park offers camping, picnicking, hiking, fishing, cabin rentals, and other water recreation on the Ouachita River, Raymond Lake, and Moro Bay.

Group Pavilion ♦ A large, covered pavilion located in the picnic area on the Moro Bay side of the park may be rented for group outings or family reunions. Also available for rent is a large air-conditioned meeting room and kitchen adjacent to the visitor center. These may be reserved for a modest fee by calling or writing the park. Reservations **must** be made at the **Visitor Center**.

Picnicking ♦ Two large picnic areas provide plenty of space for fun with friends and family. The picnic sites are equipped with tables and grills. Water hydrants, rest rooms, and a playground are located nearby.

Cabins ♦ Five housekeeping cabins overlooking Moro Bay are available year round. These fully furnished cabins provide all the luxuries of modern life in a scenic location. Each cabin has two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a great room/kitchen, and a screened back porch with river view. Behind each cabin, guests have a picnic table, a grill, and fire ring for their personal use.

Camping ♦ In a tent or trailer, the park's 20 campsites along Raymond Lake provide excellent camping. All 20 campsites have water and electricity. A dump station is near the bathhouse (small fee charged to those not camped in the park).

Nature Trails ♦ The 1/4-mile **Deer Run Hiking Trail**, near the campground, offers a beautiful view of the forest surrounding Moro Bay. The **Low-Water Trail**, also 1/4-mile long, offers an excellent hiking opportunity in a riverside environment.

Other Facilities ♦ The visitor center features a park store with grocery staples, bait and tackle, hunting and fishing licenses, camping supplies, souvenirs, and boat and motor rentals. Ours is the only marina on the Ouachita River in Arkansas with gas and boat slips for rent. Complete shopping, restaurant, medical facilities, and other services are just 30 minutes away in El Dorado or Warren.

NOTE: Campers must register at the visitor center before occupying a campsite. All sites are reservable up to one year in advance. Call the park or make reservations online at www.ArkansasStateParks.com.

LOCATION

From El Dorado off U.S. Hwy. 167, take Hwy. 63 north 22 miles to the park; OR, from Warren, travel 30 miles south on Hwy. 63 to the park.

For further information on park fees or facilities, contact:

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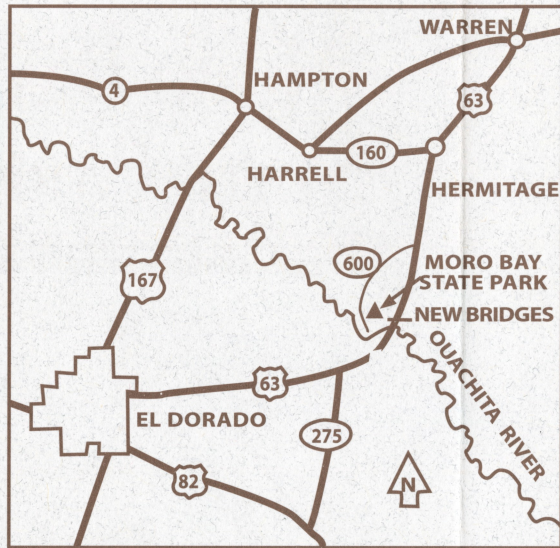
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